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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As American businesses and workers continue to face steep global economic challenges, the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400 ask the FCC to approve the AT&T and T-Mobile USA merger. Sustainable communities, especially those in rural areas, need greater access to broadband technology so that families, schools and companies can grow stronger and succeed in today's economy.

Increasing wireless broadband access has been an issue of great importance for some time, and we should not let this opportunity slide. It would ensure the development of high capacity wireless broadband networks and signal that Washington is serious about meeting the President's goal of universal internet access by 2014. It is projected that, as a result of this merger, access to 4th generation ("4G") LTE high speed broadband technology will be available to 55 million more Americans than was previously planned. Increased deployment of faster, more reliable broadband service will also keep costs low and help consumers afford wireless Internet.

Finally, this merger will positively impact union workers that depend on fair paying jobs. UFCW Local 400 members have been impressed with AT&T's continuing commitment to maintaining a strong relationship with its labor force. This collaboration has enabled AT&T to become a leading global communications provider, and the prospect of growing the company's workforce is just one of many benefits that will result from this key businesses transaction.

From our perspective the AT&T and T-Mobile merger will create a winning scenario for businesses, workers and communities. We strongly urge Chairman Genachowski and the Commissioners to promptly approve this deal. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. McNutt
President
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cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

